

Map shows distribution of 165 Local Democracy Reporters from July 2021-June 2024. See Table A and Table B for further details

Table A: Allocated contracts and reporters by operating company

Company name	Contracts	Reporters
Brighton and Hove News	1	1
Caerphilly Media	1	1
Citizen News & Media	1	1
DC Thomson	5	3.5
Iliffe Media Publishing	1	1
National World	23	33.5
KM Media Group	1	3
London Evening Standard	1	1
Newbury News & Media	1	1
Newsquest	24	30.5
Notts TV	1	3
Radio Exe	1	3
Radio Manx	1	1
Reach	53	79
Shetland News	1	0.5
Social Spider CIC	2	2
TOTAL	118	165

Table B: Allocated contracts and reporters by BBC Nation and Region

BBC Region	Contracts	Reporters	Contract holders
East	9	13	See page 4
East Midlands	4	11	See page 5
North East	5	9	See page 6
North West	14	19	See page 7
South	9	13	See page 8
South East	3	7	See page 8
South West	2	4	See page 9
West	5	7	See page 9
West Midlands	7	15	See page 10
Yorkshire & Lincs	9	17	See page 11
London	12	13	See page 12-13
Northern Ireland	11	5.5	See page 14
Scotland	17	20.5	See page 15-16
Wales	11	11	See page 17
TOTAL	118	165	

	East			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder	
E01	1	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Metro Mayor Peterborough City Council	National World	
E02	1	Cambridgeshire County Council	Reach	
E03	1	Buckinghamshire Council Milton Keynes Council	Newsquest	
E04	2	Bedford Borough Council Central Bedfordshire Council Luton Borough Council	National World	
E05	2	Hertfordshire County Council Hertfordshire second-tier authorities	National World	
E06	2	Essex County Council Essex second-tier authorities	Reach	
E07	1	Southend-on-Sea Borough Council Thurrock Council	Newsquest	
E08	2	Norfolk County Council Norfolk second-tier authorities	Newsquest	
E09	1	Suffolk County Council	Iliffe Media	

	East Midlands			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder	
E10	3	Derbyshire County Council	Reach	
		Derby City Council		
		Derbyshire second-tier authorities		
E11	3	Leicestershire City Council	Reach	
		Leicestershire County Council		
		Leicestershire second-tier authorities		
E12	2	North Northamptonshire	Reach	
		West Northamptonshire		
		Rutland County Council		
E13	3	Nottinghamshire County Council	Notts TV	
		Nottingham City		
		Nottinghamshire second-tier authorities		

	North East			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder	
E14	2	South Tyneside Council	National World	
		Sunderland City Council		
		Hartlepool Borough Council		
E15	2	Newcastle City Council	Reach	
		North Tyneside Council		
		Gateshead Council		
E16	1	Northumberland County Council	Reach	
E17	1	Darlington Borough Council	Newsquest	
		Durham County Council		
E18	3	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Middlesbrough Council	Reach	
		Redcar and Cleveland Council		
		Tees Valley Metro Mayor		

	North West			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder	
E19	1	Blackburn with Darwen Council	Newsquest	
E20	3	Lancashire County Council	National World	
		Blackpool Council		
		Lancashire second-tier		
E21	2	Cumbria County Council	Newsquest	
		Cumbria second-tier		
E22	1	Cheshire East Council	Newsquest	
E23	1	Warrington Borough Council	Newsquest	
		St Helens Council		
E24	2	Liverpool City Metro Mayor	Reach	
		Liverpool City Council		
		Wirral Council		
E25	1	Halton Borough Council	Newsquest	
		Cheshire West and Chester Council		
E26	1	Knowsley Council	Reach	
		Sefton Council		
E27	1	Isle of Man Government	Radio Manx	
E28	2	GM Metro Mayor	Reach	
		Manchester City Council		
		Salford City Council		
E29	1	Bolton Council	Reach	
		Bury Council		
E30	1	Trafford Council	Reach	
		Wigan Council		
E31	1	Oldham Council	Reach	
		Rochdale Met Borough		
E32	1	Tameside Met Borough	Reach	
		Stockport Met Borough		

	South			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder	
E33	1	Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council Dorset Council	Newsquest	
E34	2	Bracknell Forest Council Reading Borough Council Wokingham Borough Council	Newsquest	
E35	1	West Berkshire Council	Newbury News & Media Ltd	
E36	1	Oxfordshire County Council	National World	
E37	1	Slough Borough Council The Royal Borough of Windsor	Newsquest	
E38	2	Surrey County Council Surrey second-tier authorities	Reach	
E39	3	Southampton City Council Hampshire County Council Hampshire second-tier authorities	National World	
E40	1	Portsmouth City Council	National World	
E41	1	Isle of Wight Council	Newsquest	

South East			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder
E42	1	Brighton and Hove City Council	Brighton and Hove News
E43	3	East Sussex County Council West Sussex County Council East Sussex & West Sussex second-tier authorities	National World
E44	3	Kent County Council Medway Council Kent second-tier authorities	KM Media Group

	South West			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder	
E45	1	Cornwall Council	Reach	
		Council of the Isles of Scilly		
E46	3	Devon County Council	Radio Exe	
		Plymouth City Council		
		Torbay Council		
		Devon second-tier		

	West			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder	
E47	2	West of England Metro Mayor	Reach	
		Bristol City Council		
		South Gloucestershire Council		
E48	1	Bath & North East Somerset Council	Reach	
		North Somerset Council		
E49	1	Gloucestershire County Council	Reach	
E50	1	Somerset County Council	Reach	
E51	2	Swindon Borough Council	Newsquest	
		Wiltshire Council		

	West Midlands			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder	
E52	3	West Midlands Metro Mayor	Reach	
		Birmingham City Council		
		Solihull Met Borough Council		
E53	2	Coventry City Council	Reach	
		Warwickshire County Council		
E54	3	City of Wolverhampton Council	Reach	
		Dudley Met Borough Council		
		Sandwell Met Borough Council		
		Walsall Council		
E55	1	Herefordshire County Council	Newsquest	
E56	1	Worcestershire County Council	Newsquest	
E57	3	Staffordshire County Council	Reach	
		Stoke-on-Trent City Council		
		Staffordshire second-tier		
		authorities		
E58	2	Shropshire Council	Newsquest	
		Telford & Wrekin Council		

Yorkshire & Lincolnshire			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder
E59	3	Leeds City Council	Newsquest
		Calderdale Council	
		City of Bradford Met District Council	
E60	2	Kirklees Council	National World
		Wakefield Council	
E61	3	Barnsley Met Borough Council	National World
		Sheffield City Council	
		Mayor of Sheffield City Region	
		Rotherham Met Borough Council	
E62	1	Elected Mayor of Doncaster	National World
		Doncaster Met Borough Council	
E63	1	East Riding of Yorkshire Council Hull City Council	Reach
E64	2	North Yorkshire County Council North Yorkshire second-tier authorities (Selby, Harrogate and Craven)	National World
E65	2	City of York Council	National World
		North Yorkshire second-tier authorities (Hambleton, Ryedale, Scarborough and Richmondshire)	
E66	2	Lincolnshire County Council	Reach
		Lincolnshire second-tier authorities	
E67	1	North East Lincolnshire Council North Lincolnshire Council	Reach

London (continued on page 13)			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder
L01	1	Ealing Council	Reach
		Hounslow Council	
		Hillingdon Council	
L02	1	Harrow Council	Reach
		Brent Council	
L03	1	Barnet Council	Social Spider CIC
		Enfield Council	
		Haringey Council	
L04	1	Camden Council	Citizen News & Media
		Islington Council	
		Hackney Council	
L05	2	Kensington & Chelsea Council	Reach
		Westminster Council	
		City of London	
		Hammersmith & Fulham Council	
L06	1	Waltham Forest Council	Social Spider CIC
		Redbridge Council	
		Havering Council	
L07	1	Tower Hamlets Council	Reach
		Newham Council	
		Barking & Dagenham Council	
L08	1	Croydon Council	Reach
		Sutton Council	
		Merton Council	
L09	1	Wandsworth Council	Reach
		Richmond upon Thames	
		Kingston upon Thames	

London (continued)			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder
L10	1	Lambeth Council Southwark Council Lewisham Council	Reach
L11	1	Bromley Council Greenwich Council Bexley Council	Reach
L12	1	Greater London Authority	London Evening Standard

Northern Ireland			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder
N01	0.5	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council	National World
N02	0.5	Ards and North Down Borough Council	Reach
N03	0.5	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	National World
N04	0.5	Belfast City Council	Reach
N05	0.5	Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council	National World
N06	0.5	Derry City and Strabane District Council	National World
N07	0.5	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Newsquest
N08	0.5	Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council	Reach
N09	0.5	Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	National World
N10	0.5	Mid Ulster District Council	National World
N11	0.5	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	Reach

Scotland (continued on page 16)			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder
S01	1	Aberdeen City Council	DC Thomson
		Aberdeenshire Council	
S02	0.5	Moray Council	DC Thomson
S03	0.5	Highland Council	DC Thomson
S04	0.5	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	National World
S05	0.5	Orkney Islands Council	DC Thomson
S06	0.5	Shetland Islands Council	Shetland News
S07	1	Argyll and Bute Council	Newsquest
S08	1	Angus Council	DC Thomson
		Dundee City Council	
S09	1	Clackmannanshire Council	National World
		Fife Council	
S10	1	Stirling Council	Reach
		Perth and Kinross Council	
S11	1	Renfrewshire Council	Reach
		Inverclyde Council	
S12	1	North Lanarkshire Council	National World
		East Dunbartonshire Council	
S13	3	East Renfrewshire Council	Reach
		Glasgow City Council	
		West Dunbartonshire Council	
S14	3	The City of Edinburgh Council	Reach
		Midlothian Council	
		East Lothian Council	
S15	1	Falkirk Council	Reach
		West Lothian Council	

Scotland (continued)			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder
S16	2	South Ayrshire Council East Ayrshire Council North Ayrshire Council	Reach
S17	2	Dumfries & Galloway Council Scottish Borders Council South Lanarkshire Council	Reach

Wales			
Contract number	Number of LDRs	Local authorities assigned to contract	Contract holder
W01	1	Gwynedd Council	Reach
		Isle of Anglesey County Council	
W02	1	Denbighshire County Council	Reach
		Conwy County Borough Council	
W03	1	Wrexham County Borough Council Flintshire County Council	Newsquest
W04	1	Swansea City Council	Reach
		Carmarthenshire County Council	
W05	1	Pembrokeshire County Council	Newsquest
		Ceredigion County Council	
W06	1	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Bridgend County Borough Council	Reach
W07	1	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council	Reach
W08	1	Cardiff Council	Reach
		Vale of Glamorgan Council	
W09	1	Caerphilly County Borough Council Newport City Council	Caerphilly Media Ltd
W10	1	Blenau Gwent County Borough Council Powys County Council	Newsquest
W11	1	Torfaen County Borough Council Monmouthshire County Council	Newsquest